Docket No.: 3350-05G Client No.: EBILL-G

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Pre Amel 13 70,

In re Application of

: Expected Art Unit: 2764

Rule 53(b) Continuation of Serial No. 09/034,561 filed March 3,1998

Expected Examiner: R. Alvarez

File concurrently herewith

:

For: ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is directed to the accompanying Rule 53(b) continuation application, which is a continuation of the above referenced application. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE

Please amend the title to read "QUICK USER PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION OF ELECTRONICALLY PRESENTED BILLS".